

STOCK BROKERS SUSPEND BUSINESS ACCOUNT OF WAR

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 14.—J. C. Wilson and company, members of the New York Stock Exchange, the New York Cotton Exchange, The Chicago Board of Trade and the San Francisco Stock and Bond Exchange announced here today that, after mature deliberation, the firm had decided to go into voluntary bankruptcy.

"The suspension," said a statement given out at the offices of the company, "is brought about solely by the extraordinary American conditions following upon the European war."

"The banks, to meet the drain of money, naturally restricted their loans and called for payment from their debtors. We met these demands for some time and then were compelled in turn to call on our margin clients to make additional payments on their accounts. They answered that they could furnish additional security but could not furnish additional money. The exchanges being closed, we could not even sell the securities of such defaulting clients."

What form the bankruptcy proceedings will take, cannot be determined, J. C. Wilson, senior member of the firm, said today, until there has been time to consult with Harris, Winthrop and Company, the firm's New York correspondents. The firm has branch offices in Portland, Seattle, Los Angeles, San Diego and Coronado, besides its two here.

BELGIANS SURPRISE GERMAN CAVALRY

LONDON, Aug. 14, 12:45 p. m.—A dispatch from Brussels to Reuters Agency says that a battle near Eghezee, north of Namur, which occurred yesterday at Noville Taviere, on the Namur-Tierelmont railroad line, was keenly contested.

The Germans, according to the dispatch, were mostly cavalrymen. They were surprised by the Belgians and sustained severe casualties. Eventually they fell back hurriedly on Huy, between Namur and Liege.

The dispatch adds that three German aeroplanes flying over Diest were brought down by the Belgian artillery. Two of the aviators were killed by being dashed to earth and the third was severely injured.

VANCOUVER READY FOR GERMAN ATTACK

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 14.—In view of a report from San Francisco that the Leipzig and perhaps the Nurnberg are bound north, possibly to make an assault on Vancouver or Victoria or to menace British shipping off Cape Flattery, the correspondent of the Associated Press applied for information to the naval authorities at Esquimalt regarding the ships at that station. The reply was a request from the naval authorities not to publish anything about the proposed movements of Canadian ships. It was officially stated that the Algerine, the last of the three vessels coming from the south, is quite safe. The Rainbow and the Shearwater arrived at Esquimalt yesterday.

New and powerful guns have been installed at points which command the approaches to Victoria and Vancouver, and an attack by German vessels is not feared. Some of the new guns carry ten miles.

RUSSIA MOBILIZES OVER FIVE MILLION

ST. PETERSBURG, via London, Aug. 14, 1:50 p. m.—With the view of removing the apprehensions of the Poles in Russia, Germany and Austria-Hungary, and of gaining their friendship in the two last mentioned countries, the Grand Duke Nicholas Nikolaievitch, commander-in-chief of the Russian army, issued an order today to the effect that all Poles showing loyalty to the Slav cause will be specially protected by the Russian army and government. Any attempt to interfere with the personal and material rights of those Poles not guilty of hostility to Russia will be, according to the order, punished with all the severity of martial law.

UNCLE SAM BEGINS HIGH PRICE PROBE IN LARGE CITIES

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—Agents of the department of commerce began their work today as part of the investigation ordered by President Wilson to determine if food prices in this country are being artificially raised because of the European war. These instructions were sent to financial field agents in New York, Boston, Seattle, Chicago, Atlanta and New Orleans.

"You are instructed to inquire immediately and carefully whether there has been a recent rise in retail prices in your city and vicinity, and if so, on what articles and to what extent."

"Special attention should be given to foodstuffs and articles of clothing and other necessities. Learn whether the advance, if it exists, is general or confined to particular commodities, and if so, what ones. Find if it has been sudden or gradual and if any articles have fallen in price. Learn what reasons are given for any advance that may prevail. And inquire particularly as to whether such reasons are the actual ones."

"Give special care to determining if there has been any advance due to speculation, either on the general war situation, or on the temporary delay in ocean transit. Consider whether a fair state exists or is available of commodity that may have been advanced and whether the facts show a purpose to use the war situation to secure undue extra profits by increased prices."

"Study to learn if any combination exists for the advance of prices under existing conditions."

MONTENEGRO INVADES AUSTRIA-HUNGARY

LONDON, Aug. 14, (2:53 p. m.)—A special newspaper dispatch from Rome today says the Montenegrin troops, aided by the inhabitants of Herzegovina, are successfully invading Austria, whose blockade of the Montenegrin coast has practically ceased.

LIEGE SLAUGHTER TERRIFIC ASSERTS AMERICAN CONSUL

LONDON, Aug. 14, 5:15 a. m.—The German army investing Liege underestimated the fighting qualities of the Belgians and paid a terrible penalty for their daring, in the opinion of Victor H. Dumas, American vice-consul as quoted by the Brussels correspondent of the Times.

The correspondent says that Mr. Dumas was an eye witness of the first two days of the siege, which he describes. The Belgians permitted the forces of General Von Emmich actually to pass the forts in their march on the town and then attacked them in the rear from the forts and on their front with infantry. He estimated the German casualties as from five to ten times as great as those of the defenders.

Battles in Night Time
"Speaking as a neutral," says Mr. Dumas, according to the Times correspondent, "it seems to be a part of the new military tactics of the Germans to fight as much as possible in the night time. Comparatively little fighting occurred at Liege during the day."

"The scheme of the Belgian defense seemed to be not to make any serious resistance to the attack until the German troops were actually past the forts. Then when they were close up to the town and their several bodies trying to effect a juncture, fire was opened on them from the forts behind and from rifles and machine guns in front, so they were caught in a trap and retreat was cut off. There was nothing for them to do but to be shot down or surrender."

"The amount of suffering on both sides owing to an inability to deal promptly with the wounded was great, but especially to the Germans, whose casualties were from five to ten times as numerous as those among the Belgians."

"The Germans paid a terrible penalty for their boldness of their scheme of attack, which, from a military point of view, could be justified only by a conviction on the part of the German officers that they would meet with only the feeblest resistance. The mistake they made was in under-rating the fighting qualities of the peaceful Belgians."

NEUTRALITY PROCLAIMED BY PRESIDENT WILSON

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—President Wilson issued a neutrality proclamation today covering the war between Great Britain and Austria-Hungary.

CALIFORNIA LETS HIGHWAY CONTRACTS

SACRAMENTO, Aug. 14.—Contracts for the construction of roads in various sections of the state, aggregating an expenditure of \$200,000 were awarded by the advisory board of the state department of engineering. The awards were as follows:

Humboldt county—From Miranda to Dyerville, 13.8 miles; Fairbanks & Baechtel, \$120,893.

Contra Costa county—From San Pablo Creek to Pinole, 3.6 miles; James H. Falconer, Escalon, \$14,433.30.

Santa Clara county—From Santa Clara to San Jose, 1.9 miles; Ransome, Crumlie company, Oakland, \$39,664.50.

Santa Barbara county—From El Capitán creek to Alcantraz, 9.3 miles; T. K. Beard, Modesto, \$82,168.

The bids for road construction in Humboldt county from Shively to Jordan creek were rejected, all being in excess of the engineer's estimate. The board accepted as completed the road building done in San Diego by the C. L. Hyde Construction company and in San Bernardino done by C. J. Flower.

Members of the Southwestern Contractors' association, of Los Angeles, were in conference with the commission relative to the construction of roads in the southern section of the state.

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WAR CAUSES HARD TIMES IN AUSTRIAN CAPITAL

ROME, Aug. 13, 11:35 p. m. (via Paris, Aug. 14, 12:35 p. m.)—News received here from Vienna says that letters addressed to foreigners in the Austrian capital are opened by the police, who either retain them or deliver them with a yellow band on which is printed, "Opened by the state police."

Newspapers throughout Austria-Hungary print scarcely anything except official news.

Vienna itself is half deserted. The worst feature of the war to those in the capital is the lack of money and the fact that prices of food have risen enormously. The public services are paralyzed and women are taking over the work.

THREE KILLED WHEN BURNING WALLS FALL

ANNA, Ill., Aug. 14.—Three men were killed at Dongola, Ill., today, when the wall of a burning building fell.

The fire destroyed half the business section of the town. Among the buildings burned were the post office, the First National Bank, the Odd Fellows' Hall, five stores and a restaurant. The loss is estimated at \$200,000.

FOREST FIRES DESTROY HOOD RIVER MILL

HOOD RIVER, Ore., Aug. 14.—The forest fire that has been burning in the Cascades southwest of here took a heavy toll of property early today when the big sawmill plant of the Stanley-Smith Lumber company was destroyed, entailing a loss of approximately \$120,000. Efforts are being made to keep the fire confined to the vicinity of the mill.

NO MOVEMENTS OF IMPORTANCE SINCE WEDNESDAY

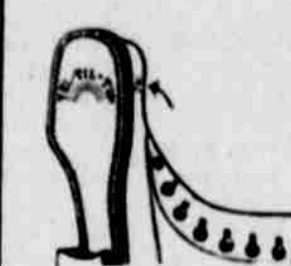
BRUSSELS, (via London 1:25 p. m.), Aug. 14.—No movements of importance have taken place since Wednesday's serious engagement between the German and Belgian troops, according to an official announcement here today. The communication adds:

"The situation of the Belgian forces remains favorable."

PARIS, Aug. 14, 1:30 p. m.—An official report issued here today says:

"No action of importance took place in the theater of war yesterday. There were, however, several skirmishes between German and French patrols, notably at Chambrey, in German Lorraine, where two companies of the eighteenth Bavarian infantry regiment were surprised by the French troops and driven off, leaving numerous dead and wounded on the field."

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The new silks are here in all their beauty. Roman stripes, plaids, poplins, crepe de chine, taffetas in plain and figures. Now is the time to make your choice.

SPECIAL—New Roman Stripes, \$1.25 values, per yard 79¢

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New Cape Coats, new Balmaceans, new coats made of the latest pile fabrics. No odd stock, all fresh, up-to-date styles.

First Showing of NEW TRIMMINGS

We have just received our new line of Dress Trimmings. As usual, we carry the best selected stock in the city. See our new All-Over Laces, Fur Trimmings, Frogs, Buttons, etc.—we are sure we can please you.

NEW OUTINGS

5000 yds. extra heavy Outing Flannel, new styles, fast colors, a real 12½¢ grade, on sale at, 10¢

Prints

New fall styles, on sale at, 5¢

GREAT SALE OF NEW DOMESTICS

Cambrie

36-inch White Cambrie Muslin, 10¢

Vicuna Cloth

Fleeced, special at, 12½¢

Duckling Fleece

For Kimonas, Special at, 18¢

New Comforters

Heavy, Special, each, \$1.39

NEW OUTINGS

5000 yds. New Outing Flannels, heavy weight, in fancy stripes, a good 10¢ cloth, on sale at, 8¢

NIGHTGOWNS

Made of fine sheer lingerie cloth and Crepes, \$1.50 values, each, 98¢

Women's Fast Black

Hose, 18¢ grade, pr. 12½¢

GREAT SALE OF NEW HOSIERY

Women's fine Lisle

Hose, 35¢ grade, pair, 21¢

Women's Lavender

Top Lisle Hose, 50¢ grade, at, 44¢

Kayser's Silk Hose

\$1.25 grade, now at, per pair, 89¢

HOUSE DRESSES

Just received a new shipment, fall styles, all colors and sizes, on sale at only, \$1.25

The Balance of Our Summer Dresses on Sale at Less Than Half Price

PETTICOATS

New Crepe Petticoats, \$2.00 values, now, each, \$1.19

VESTS

Women's Summer Vests, very special, each, 4¢

SWEATERS

Women's Heavy Sweaters, \$4 values, now, ea., \$2.98

GLOVES

Kayser's 16-Button Lisle and Chamois Gloves, pair, 44¢

PARASOLS

25 Women's Parasols, \$1.50 values, now, each, 98¢

WAISTS

100 Lingerie Waists, up to \$2 values, on sale at, each, 98¢